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(b) As regards the work that has so far been done, reference is invited to the answer to question 78. During 1927–28 the average monthly cost of the establishment employed was Rs. 5,048. The Government have no later figures.

(c) No decision has yet been made.

(d) The question of laying the reports of the Settlement Officer on the table of the House will be considered as each occasion arises.

Proceedings of the conference of Revenue Members regarding revenue settlement.

*218 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any reference has been made by the Government of India to the Local Government on the report of the Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay to enquire into the revenue resettlement of the Bardoli taluk;

(b) whether the hon. the then Revenue Member of this Government attended a Conference of Revenue Members of all Provincial Governments at Delhi to discuss the points raised in that report; and

(c) whether the Government of India have communicated to the Local Government the conclusions of the Conference and what action the Government have taken thereon?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated Simla, May 15, which was issued by the Government of India on this subject. The resolution there referred to has not yet been issued so far as this Government are aware.

Staff Selection Board

Selection of candidates by the Staff Selection Board.

*219 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any instructions issued by Government or whether any rules are made for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board in the discharge of their duties and, if so, what they are;

(b) what are the names recommended by the Board in the past one year for the various posts and which of them have been accepted by the Government;

(c) what are the principles which guide Government in rejecting or accepting the recommendations of the Board;

(d) how many sons or near relatives of the Members of the Legislative Council belonging to the Ministerialist Party and others, if any, have been recommended by the Board and which of them Government have accepted;

(e) what are the names of the said Members of Council;

(f) whether it is true that out of four persons selected for Deputy Tahsildar's post by the Board recently, two are sons of Ministerialist Legislative Council Members and who are the said Legislative Council Members; and

(g) whether Government have accepted the said recommendations; and, if so, for what reasons?